

# By the King.

## A Proclamation touching Passengers.



Hereas in the first Session of our Parliament holden at Westminster the nineteenth day of March in the yeere of our raigne of England, France and Ireland the first, and of Scotland the seven and thirtieth; It was amongst other things Enacted, That no woman nor any childe vnder the age of one and twenty yeeres (Except Saylers or Shipboyes or Apprentice, or Factor of some Merchant in trade of Merchandize) should bee permitted to passe over the Seas, except the same should be by licence of vs. our Heires or Successors, or some sixe or more of our priuy Councell, thereunto first had vnder their handes, vpon paine that the Officers of the Port that should willingly or negligently suffer any such to passe, or should not enter the names of such Passengers licenced, should forfeit his Office, and all his goods and Chattels, And vpon paine that the owner of any Ship or Vessel, that should willingly or willingly cary any such over the Seas, without licence as is aforesaid, should forfeit his Ship or Vessel, and all the Tackle, And euery Master or Mariner, of or in any such Ship or Vessel, offending as is aforesaid, should forfeit all their goods, and suffer imprisonment by the space of twelue moneths without Baile, or Mainprise, As by the saide Acte of Parliament amongst other things may more at large appeare:

And whereas many such our Subiects, That is to say, women and persons vnder the age of twenty and one yeeres, haue from time to time iust and necessary causes and occasions to goe and passe over the Seas, In which cases for euery such women and persons vnder the age of twenty and one yeeres to obtaine such licence, either from our selues, or from sixe of our said Priuy Counsell according to the said Law, is very inconuenient, and almost impossible; wee haue therefore thought conuenient, for the ease aswell of our selfe and our said Counsell, as of such of our Subiects as are of the condition mentioned in the saide Acte of Parliament, to graunt our Commission to persons of trust in certaine Ports of our Realme, lying most apt and conuenient for passage, That is to say, London, the Cinque Ports, Harwich, Harmouth, Hull, and Weymouth, to licence such women and persons vnder the age of twenty and one yeeres, as shall haue iust cause to passe out of our Realme, vpon due examination had of them, to passe without perill to themselves, or the Officers of our said Ports, Notwithstanding the said Statute or any thing therein contained. And we haue thought it fit to giue publique knowledge hereof to al our Subiects, and to all our Officers whom it may concerne, to the ende they may know what shall bee lawfull for them to doe in those cases.

Giuen at the Castle of Farnham the xxij. day of August, in the fourth yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

*God saue the King.*

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